

Encounter

From Pastor Jenna Pulkowski Pastor's Pen

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)



The very nature of our liturgy—the order of service, and the work of the people—invites us to proclaim God's word throughout our worship service.

Each part of the liturgy draws from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) readings for a given time period, usually a particular church season. As I shared recently, we are currently in the Ordinary/ordinal Season. As the longest church season of the year, the liturgy doesn't change too much during this time period.

However, I invite you to pay close attention to the parts of the liturgy and the readings we use each week. One line in the Confession & Forgiveness, for example, refers to the Good Samaritan of Luke 10:25-37. What other gospel references do you find?

Each season, we share in a confession that reflects the experiences of our ancestors in the faith, and the forgiveness that God has already imparted upon us reflects the grace and love of Jesus in those lessons. We pray over our offerings to God, and we pray after we receive communion. Before we leave worship, we pray God's blessing over us. Each of these, and a couple I'm sure to have forgotten, will remain the same for a while. But they are all scripturally-based, and draw us further into the practice of proclaiming God's love through word and deed.

Other things will change week to week. Each Sunday, we pray the Prayer of the Day—also known as a collect, emphasis on the first syllable—that draws from the readings and themes for

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Summer Worship Schedule for St. Andrew

St. Andrew worship schedule has changed starting:

June 5th - September 11th.

During this time, worship will be one blended service each Sunday, held at 9:30 AM.

ZOOM will be available

Who Cares Anyway?


St. Andrew Cares Fund is in Need!

St. Andrew Cares is a special assistance fund administered by Pastor and used to help people in need.

Many times during a month individuals and families come to our church with real needs.

Giving a gas card or a gift certificate from a grocery store is also a great way to help meet the needs of those who come to the church seeking help.

Thank you for your generosity!



Bible Readings for the Month

August 2022

August 7 --
9th Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 15:1-6
 Psalm 33:12-22
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
 Luke 12:32-40

August 14 --
10th Sunday after Pentecost
 Jeremiah 23:23-29
 Psalm 82
 Hebrews 11:29--12:2
 Luke 12:49-56

August 21 --
11th Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 58:9b-14
 Psalm 103:1-8
 Hebrews 12:18-29
 Luke 13:10-17

August 28 --
12th Sunday after Pentecost
 Proverbs 25:6-7
 Psalm 112
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Gifts & Memorial Fund

The church gift/memorial fund is established for the purpose of receiving and holding money given to the church in memory or honor of someone or to honor a special occasion.

GIFTS CAN BE GIVEN IN MEMORY, IN HONOR, AND WITH THANKS TO, GOD FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED.

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

MATTHEW FLUHR
 by the Fluhr Trust



Flowers for the Altar

You can still donate flowers for 2022. If you would like to continue our tradition of sponsoring flowers for the altar, please email the date and information to Anita. The cost is \$20. Sponsors for the eternal candle are \$20 for the month.

Let's continue to beautify and light our church with memories and remembrances and honors!!



Church Council - 2022

- Leslie Parriott* { President }
- Molly Dir* { Vice President }
- Steve Jacobson* { Secretary }
- Donn Hamm* { Treasurer }
- Anastasia Carmona*
- Heidi Emso*
- Lisa Green*
- Mary Hanson*
- Lyn Hayes*
- Nancy Milne*
- Steve Payne*

And their response...

*"I will,
 and I ask God
 to help me"*

May & June Treasurer's Report

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET (+/-)
MAY			
Giving	\$38,991.98*	\$19,265.00	\$19,726.98
Expenditures	\$24,830.30	\$24,914.94	(\$84.64)
NET	\$14,161.68	(\$ -5,649.94)	\$19,811.62

*Includes a very special \$10,000 donation.

JUNE			
Giving	\$18,516.51*	\$19,145.00	(\$-628.49)
Expenditures	\$25,465.84	\$22,899.94	(\$-2,565.90)
NET	(\$ -6,949.33)	(\$ -3,754.94)	(\$-3,194.39)

*Summer has traditionally seen lower giving due to travel and vacations.

Quilters' Crossing

Lord remind me to look beyond the noise and worries that crowd my heart and help me to focus on YOU and those you've given me to love.....



As summer is here, many of us have to be reminded (myself especially) that it is OK to take some time to slow down and do something for ourselves. One of the things that I am doing is to take some time on Thursday mornings to join the quilters and help assemble their beautiful quilts - and oh what a joy the added benefit of helping our "neighbors". This wonderful ministry goes on and on and there are so many TRULY DEDICATED to this service. We recently have gotten some "new hands" to do this work as well. It is never too late to try this out. We are continuing to meet through the summer (per the request of many of the "quilter bees") each Thursday morning 9 - 11:30. Come join us even for part of the time or call Judy Parriott (847)986-4465 for more information. NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!

Thank you, again, all who support us! We have completed over 93 quilts since we shipped our last batch out in May! We are now during the summer beginning to work on the Baby Care Kits as well. We can always use donations of sewing machine needles (size 14 & 16), thread, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, Ivory soap bars, bath and hand towels, new or gently used infant (6 mo to 24 mo) t-shirts, sleepers and lightweight jackets. Sadly in recent news, now the needs are greater than ever!

We are so blessed that we can continue to help "the least" of our neighbors in need! THANK YOU, LOVING LORD!

Lyn H. and the Quilters



Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship: Most meetings will meet the 2nd Thursday of



each month at 7 pm in Nelson Hall. We do have a few special events, so please note the Thursday dates and times. Mark your calendars for an excellent line up. Hope to see you at all the upcoming events!

As we are taking a little time off this summer we hope that you all will add our Women' Fellowship to your calendar for our up-coming events to be posted very soon.



Barbara Binversie

Altar Guild *How Can I Help?*

Church services are up and running! This would be a good time to get involved in one of the most enjoyable St. Andrew's many on-going ministries.

It is usually a very quiet time that you can go about preparing the altar for the Sunday service. Work at your own time and own pace.

The Altar Guild prepares the altar for Sunday's service and communion. Traditionally, this was Saturday morning but it can work on different schedules. The assignment schedule is prepared a year in advance and can involve only one month. It is a good opportunity for moms/dads and an older child to serve in this important ministry! Complete "how -to" information is available. Please contact Tana Hamm (tanahamm@comcast.net) if you would like more information.



Tana Hamm

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that Sunday. While the Call to Worship isn't a standard part of our Lutheran liturgy, many of our denominational partners do use it, and it's something that our congregation has borrowed for worship in our particular context.

That too reflects the readings and themes for each Sunday, and almost always changes from week to week. Along with the Prayers of Intercession, and the Hymn of the Day/Sermon Song, the rhythm of our liturgical service incorporates as much of each reading as possible.

When we gather for worship, we gather in the name of the Holy Triune God, to worship him in word and deed through the proclamation of the word and the celebration of the sacraments. How many scriptural and sacramental references and connections can you find in worship?

Pr Jenna

Dream the Dream

While we are not entirely post-Covid, and most likely will always be living with Covid as a part of our lives (like the flu and other colds), we *are* entering a new season in the life of St. Andrew. Next year, 2023, marks our **75th anniversary** as an organized congregation. This time is for visioning our work and time for us to dream about how God wants us to be present and active in the world as we head into our next 75 years.

For everything there is a season. during this Ordinary Season, we are dreaming God's dream for St. Andrew.

Peace,
Pr Jenna

**"Do everything for the
glory of God."
1 Corinthians 10:31**

Extra Important Announcements:

- **St. Andrew's CYF (Children, Youth, and Family) Ministry Team is so excited about our upcoming all-day VBS!** We will be partnering with Chicago Church of Christ-Buffalo Grove to do "Food Truck Party" from Cokesbury Publishing. The focus of this vacation bible school is "give us this day our daily bread". While VBS is often a daily event over the course of 4-5 days, and families usually drop their kids off, we are emphasizing that this is a family event and we hope that adults will plan on staying with their kids! If you have not registered, please contact Pr Jenna ASAP.

- **Speaking of VBS, if you would like to help with food donations for lunch,** please sign up through our SignUpGenius link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA9A62EA6FBCE9-food>

- **Mark your calendars for "God's Work. Our Hands."** Sunday on September 11. Each year, the ELCA invites its congregations to be a part of a national day of service. We will worship together at 9:30, share a meal together, and then break out into service groups. We're finalizing the service projects, and will have more informa-

Thank you for your offering!

We continue to have 3 ways to ensure your Giving reaches the church.

- 1) **"Drop-Off"** - During church office hours. (M-Th, 10-3)
- 2) **Mailing** it to the church
- 3) **On-Line**, for recurring and one-time offerings. Go to standrewmundelein.com/donations to access the online giving portal. More information on how to do this is on page 9.

PRAYER VENTURES

August 2022

- 1** Pray for musicians and worship leaders as they develop and broaden their skills and explore existing and new worship resources at the Augsburg Fortress Summer Music Clinics.
- 2** Pray that we will look to God's wisdom as we ponder the world, our purpose in life and how we might live with one another in global community.
- 3** Give thanks to God for the ELCA International Leadership Development Program, which provides financial support for the short- and long-term academic training of established and emerging leaders in global companion churches and institutions.
- 4** "Now you must get rid of all such things — anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another" (Colossians 3:8-9a). Give thanks that, through our baptism and the ceaseless work of the Spirit, we are being transformed in every way to reflect the image of God in which we were created.
- 5** Pray for the leadership, wisdom and well-being of our presiding bishop, Elizabeth A. Eaton, as we and our siblings in Christ try to unify this church in a world of ever-evolving complexity, conflict and division.
- 6** Give thanks for the chance to combat hunger around the world through ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge, and for the generous donors matching our gifts to reach the fundraising goal of \$525,000.
- 7** Praise God that we find our true treasure in God's love and mercy given through Jesus Christ, a relationship that endures for all eternity.
- 8** Pray for voting members, leaders, guests and staff of the churchwide organization participating in the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire their decision-making and spiritual discernment together on behalf of the entire church and to strengthen and unify them for doing God's work in the world.
- 9** *International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples* There are over 476 million Indigenous people living in 90 countries around the world. They have unique languages, traditions, cultures, knowledge systems, worldviews and systems for governing themselves. Pray that we will value them as children of God; respect their rights, freedoms, dignity and lands; and ensure their right to participate fully in political and economic activities. With repentant hearts, ask God's forgiveness for our harmful and unjust actions and policies throughout history, for taking what was not ours, and for forcing our own language, culture, religious beliefs, worldview and authority upon Indigenous peoples. Pray that we will work to rectify injustices and inequities, develop new relationships of trust and respect, and do the work necessary for reconciliation and healing.
- 10** Ask the Spirit to bolster us in praying for worldwide peace and reconciliation and in supporting people, ministries and organizations committed to making peace, providing relief, bearing hope and defending the vulnerable.
- 11** Pray that God will equip, inspire and sustain new synod bishops for serving in diverse contexts across the ELCA, and pray that they will find support, care and encouragement for their ministry and personal lives.
- 12** *International Youth Day* Give thanks for the gifts, wisdom and perspectives of youth around the world, and remember in prayer young people who live in areas of war and conflict, suffer poverty and hunger, long for educational opportunities, provide care for their siblings and parents, and live in hope for a better future.
- 13** Remember in prayer and give thanks for nurses, who use their gifts and skills in global mission, responding to disasters and serving their communities. Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Parish Nurse Association and its work supporting and equipping parish nurses, helping congregations develop new health ministries and encouraging people to pursue nursing as a vocation.
- 14** Followers of Christ can suffer criticism and opposition. Ask God for courage, boldness and patience to share the gospel and serve our neighbors in need; pray that, when people oppose or criticize us, the Spirit will give us the confidence to respond with respect, love and humility.
- 15** Give thanks to God that, following a two-year pause due to COVID-19, Young Adults in Global Mission will send 25 new volunteers into the world to serve alongside our global companions and churches.

- 16** Ask God to help us discern between those who speak and teach God’s word faithfully and those who deceive others by preaching and prophesying for personal gain, recognition or power.
- 17** Give thanks for the chance to enjoy the awe and beauty of God’s creation in wilderness areas and city, state and national parks. Pray that, working together, we will make these treasures more accessible to people of all ages, abilities and economic circumstances.
- 18** Remember and give thanks for people now and throughout history who have inspired and strengthened our faith, helped us to understand God’s word and ways, encouraged our service and witness in the world, and influenced our lives and actions through their fearless pursuit of justice and healing for all people.
- 19** Give thanks for the gifts, leadership, service and generosity of the laity of our church, who respond to God’s call to serve our communities of faith, our society and our world.
- 20** Pray for companions and care providers who help people deal with illness, disability or the demands of aging. Ask that they will find the spiritual, physical and emotional strength necessary for their work, and that they will be renewed by rest, sabbath, self-care and the support they receive from others.
- 21** Ask God for forgiveness when, intentionally or not, we have discouraged total inclusion and involvement of all people in the church or society. Pray for an open mind and a willingness to listen to the stories and needs of those who are excluded or feel unwelcome; ask the Spirit to unite us in changing our practices, traditions, facilities and institutions to remove all barriers and deterrents to full inclusion and participation.
- 22** Pray for the young people gathering from a variety of backgrounds, churches and geographic regions for the World Council of Churches Stewards Program assembly in Germany. Ask God to bless their time together, nurture ecumenical unity and understanding, and inspire them to bring their experiences and ecumenical enthusiasm back home to their local contexts.
- 23** Give thanks for the ministry of the Christian Education Network of the ELCA, which supports and encourages professional and volunteer leaders who advance lifelong faith-formation ministries through congregations and partner organizations.
- 24** Express awe, reverence and thanks for the new covenant God has made with humanity and sealed in Jesus Christ, an enduring covenant of unconditional love, forgiveness and restoration of our relationship with God.
- 25** Pray for students beginning the new school year, especially those feeling uncertain, hesitant, insecure or fearful. Ask the Spirit for opportunities to care for students with tutoring, mentoring, counseling, family support and safe programs before and after school.
- 26** “The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love” (Psalm 103:8). Bless the Lord and give thanks!
- 27** The end of summer is a time of transition for many people in seasonal jobs. Pray that they will be appreciated for their skills and service, find employment and housing, have consistent and affordable access to insurance and health care, and be welcomed and supported by communities and congregations wherever they go.
- 28** Pray that we might not rate ourselves above others because of their life circumstances, race, ability, appearance, education, income, religion, social status or political affiliation. Ask the Spirit to fill us with respect, thoughtfulness and compassion for our neighbor, no matter who they are.
- 29** Remember in prayer teachers, classroom assistants, student teachers, counselors, coaches, school staff and school administrators. Ask the Spirit to sustain their enthusiasm and inspire their wisdom, creativity, patience and concern for students and their parents.
- 30** Paul’s instructions to the Hebrews couldn’t be more timely: “Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it” (Hebrews 13:1-2). Pray that we will turn to Scripture and the wisdom shared by our communities of faith for guidance on how to live and serve our neighbors in these times of deep division and conflict.
- 31** Pray that the fall programs and community ministries of our congregations will flourish, welcome guests, inspire faith, spread the gospel, respond to our neighbors’ needs and equip people for doing God’s work in the world.

STEWARDSHIP –

OUR WAY OF LIFE HERE AT ST ANDREW

A Community “FULL TO THE BRIM,
OVERFLOWING AND NOW SEEKING A
RENEWED VISION” to HAVE COMPASSION
& MERCY FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

“I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ”. Colossians 1: 25-28

As we will soon be nearing the end of summer, and it seems it just started, we need to start planning for Fall and all the upcoming activity at St. Andrew as your leaders continue to focus on our “vision” for the future. If there is anyone who feels it in their heart and would like to help with this planning, please reach out to Pastor Jenna, Leslie Parriott (our church president), or Molly Dir as soon as you can. A meeting will be held soon.

We have heard news about our upcoming VBS (Food Truck Party) being held as a FAMILY EVENT jointly with our neighbors from Chicago Church of Christ Buffalo Grove. They heard about our loving congregation, thought we might have space for them to use and be willing to help and work with them. What joy!! This is also

a great way to kick-off the expansion of our Children/Youth/Family (CYF) ministries.

We have also heard via Pastor’s Mid-Week Blast and our announcements about our upcoming Rally Day and the kick-off of our Fall education programs, continuing with the theme from last year, God’s Work Our Hands (GWOH) on September 11th. This is the ELCA’s national day of service. It is not too late to be a part of this planning team! This is our opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor!

Pastor recently held a “Lunch & Lord” class for folks wanting to learn more about becoming a member of our St. Andrew family and to learn more about saying “yes” to each other even though some of these folks have already started to be active in our ministries.

You have been invited to share in some fellowship time with other members of your St. Andrew family at Mundelein’s Concerts in the Park. This is truly an enjoyable evening and free! Some of our youth have come to enjoy the music as well and I believe have had a good time!

All of our education programs will be starting soon - KFC (Sunday

School), H2H/Confirmation & Adult Education (Adult Forum and Bible Studies). Thank you to all who have already contributed to new organization and planning for these programs! Again, it is not too late to also say I WANT TO HELP!

Please keep listening and watching for new opportunities to become an active part of this loving family we call St. Andrew. Where is your heart leading YOU? How is the Spirit calling YOU? Over the past few weeks we’ve heard the parable of the “good samaritan” (Luke 10: 25-37) - we are told to show mercy and compassion to our neighbor and to think on “who is my neighbor”. Then we heard the story of Martha and Mary (Luke 10: 38-42). Pastor Jenna preached a wonderful sermon - we should not be distracted; there is need only for one thing - our Lord. But maybe/sometimes, we need to get “distracted” from the many other things and change our path, our focus to that of service to others.

If we truly “believe in God, the Father almighty....
believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord....
believe in the Holy Spirit....” as we pray in the Apostles Creed, then our love, mercy and service to our neighbors should be easy and a genuine part of our very lives.

Dear Lord, help me to be attentive to the voices of others, which help me focus on Your perspective. May I continually heed Your hand in my life through my focus on Your will. Amen.

Lyn H. and the
Stewardship Team



August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i>	2 6:30 pm <i>Kirk Players Reh</i> 7:30 pm <i>Mundelein AA</i> 7:30 pm <i>Troop 198</i>	3 6:30 pm <i>Kirk Players Reh</i>	4 9 am Quilters 6:30 pm <i>Kirk Players Reh</i> 7 pm Vision Team Mtg	5 5:30 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i>	6
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Joseph forgives his brothers.

Genesis 42:1—45:28

For our young readers

Jacob's family didn't have any food. Jacob heard that there was food to buy in Egypt. He sent Joseph's brothers there to buy food. Joseph's brothers didn't know that God had helped Joseph become an important ruler in Egypt.

When Joseph's brothers got to Egypt, they asked to buy food. They did not know they were talking to Joseph. It had been a long time since they had seen Joseph. Joseph had grown up. Now he dressed and talked like an Egyptian. Joseph pretended that he did not know his brothers. He asked them about their family. Joseph tested them to see if they were sorry for being mean to him. Then Joseph told his brothers who he was, and he forgave them. Joseph invited them all to come and live near him in Egypt. Joseph was glad to be with his family again.



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All are Welcome...

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June 5th - September 11th.
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service, held at 9:30 AM.



*Sunday Service
can be viewed at*
www.standrewmundelein.com

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Our mission as a congregation is to *Share Christ*. More specifically, it is to help people come to *know* Christ, to *grow* in their relationship with Christ and his Church, and to be equipped to *serve* and *witness* in Christ's name. We would love to have you join us in this mission.